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I, the undersigned attorney of record, Keith M. Tackett, hereby declare as follows:

- 1. Attached is a certified copy of European Patent Application No. 99305309.9 (Exhibit A) filed by Applicants on July 5, 1999.
- 2. The present application is virtually identical to Exhibit A and claims benefit of the filing date thereof.
- 3. In view of Exhibit A, the subject matter of pending claims 11-31 was filed by Applicants prior to May 11, 2000.
- 4. The undersigned, Keith M. Tackett, hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that these statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

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